

- 8 Those Dead in Christ Shall Rise First, I Thess. 4:16.
- 9 Saints shall be Caught up to Meet Him, I Thess. 4:17.

VI Purpose of His Coming:

- 1 Not to Make Atonement, Heb. 9:28, with Rom. 6:9, 10.
- 2 To Complete the Salvation of the Saints, Heb. 9:28; I Pet. 1:5.
- 3 To be Glorified in His Saints, II Thess. 1:10.
- 4 To be Admired by Believers, II Thess. 1:10.
- 5 To Judge, John 5:22; II Tim. 4:1; Jude 15; Rev. 20:11-13.
- 6 To Reign, Isa. 24:23; Dan. 7:14, and Rev. 11:15.
- 7 To Destroy Death, I Cor. 15:25, 26.

VII What it Means to Believers:

- 1 They Look for it, Phil. 3:20.
- 2 They Wait for it, I Cor. 1:7; I Thess. 1:10.
- 3 Pray for, Rev. 22:20.
- 4 Should Prepare for, Matt. 24:44; Luke 12:40.
- 5 Shall see Him as He is, I John 3:2.
- 6 Shall be Like Him, Phil. 3:21; I John 3:2.
- 7 Shall Appear With Him in Glory, Col. 3:4.
- 8 Shall Receive a Crown of Glory, II Tim. 4:8.
- 9 Shall Reign With Him, Rev. 5:10; 20:6; 22:5.

VIII What it Means to the Un-Godly.

- 1 They Scoff at it, II Peter 3:3, 4.
- 2 Presume Upon the Delay of, Matt. 24:48.
- 3 Shall be Surprised When He Comes, Matt. 24:37-39; II Pet. 3:10.
- 4 Shall be Punished, II Thess. 2:8.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Why was the second coming of Christ so much emphasized by the apostles and the early church? (Pastor answer.)

What would the world do if it knew definitely that Jesus would come to-morrow?

Should we not always spend the day as if we knew that Christ would come to-morrow?

What can we do to keep the thought of Christ's coming always before us?

I have suggested only a few questions, thinking that it would be much better to make much use of the scripture upon this topic. If possible use all the scripture references. Use them in the order indicated. Let the Leader announce each division of the topic and then call for the several references under it. Let the scripture references be read clearly and distinctly, and with all possible solemnity. If you have a blackboard, write the topic and the divisions upon it. The audience can then easily follow the references. Vary your program. Keep out of the "ruts." WM. D. FURRY.

What Can I Do for the Church

1. I can give my whole heart to God by faith in Jesus Christ, and thus secure a special blessing for myself and for the church of which I am a member.
2. I can set my brethren a good example and so help them to grow in grace, and that will be a blessing to the church.
3. I can, thru faith, be courageous and cheerful, and thereby strengthen and encourage the church in its herculean work.
4. I can pray for the prosperity of the church, and God hears the prayer of faith.
5. I can, by a godly faith, illustrate to the world the saving power of the people, and thereby lead souls to Christ.
6. I can induce others to attend the divine services with me.
7. I can give part of my earnings for the support of the church.

Christian Life

JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME

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Glorious King, altho Thou art
Throned on Zion's holy hill,
Meek and lowly still Thy heart,
Grace and truth Thy lips distill;
Still the same Thy tender plea—
"Come, ye weary and oppressed:
Come, ye toiling ones, to Me;
Come, and I will give you rest."
Still the same Thy saving might
As on raging Galilee.
Still, when tempests wild affright,
Thou canst hush the wind and sea.
Oft as storms around us sweep,
Dark the night and full of fear,
Come Thou, walking on the deep;
Speak Thy word of peace and cheer.
"Every manner of disease,"
Great Physician, Thou canst heal;
Touched with our infirmities,
At Thy throne of grace we kneel.
Wounded, sick, to death brought nigh,
Grant us, Lord, from sin release;
Swiftly answer to our cry—
"Faith hath saved thee, go in peace."
On Thy cross of love and grief
Thou for cruel foes didst pray;
And unto a dying thief
Open paradise that day.
Now and evermore the same,
Unto us forgiveness give;
By Thy love, Thy cross of shame,
Raise us, Lord, with Thee to live.

—*Christian Intelligencer.*

Helpful Lives

Christian Advocate

When we have given our money to help the poor and spoken our most encouraging words to help the weak, we have not yet exhausted all our resources. A true Christian may help others as much by his life as by his words and gifts. Nay, the principal contribution which anyone can make to the life of the world is not his word or deed, but himself.

It is a vain thing to try to set a good example without a good heart. A life which is merely acted is not genuine, and the counterfeit will soon be detected. Artificial lives are like the artificial flowers which one sees in the market. They are beautiful to the eye, but shed no fragrance on the air. The bees never hover about them. A good life proceeding from a good heart creates a spiritual atmosphere which greatly affects everyone who comes within its range.

It is said that the physical atmosphere exerts a powerful effect on the bodies and minds of men. The physician knows that his patients will be more comfortable today because the sky is clear and the atmosphere is charged with ozone. The teacher knows that his scholars will be more restless, less studious, and more dull today because the atmosphere is murky and heavy. The police in Paris and London know that there will be a larger number of suicides in those great cities today because the atmosphere is heavy with fogs and vapors.

So it is with the spiritual atmosphere. Children who are brought up in an atmos-

phere which is free from the fogs of skepticism, doubt, selfishness, and vice, and charged with the ozone of love and truth, will grow to be stronger and better men and women than others. It is said that Thackeray's mother was a model of gentleness and tenderness, and that the great author owed more to her in the formation of his character and the determination of the tone of his literary productions than to all other factors. The tenderness which he received from his mother he lavished on his wife and daughters, and poured out thru his pen into those charming books which have been read with so much pleasure by thousands. How much his mother helped him to help the world! How much Mrs. Susanna Wesley helped her sons to bless the world by her spirit! She helped her son John to preach the Gospel, and her son Charles to sing the truth into the hearts of men.

Some children grow up in a mercenary atmosphere, some in a literary atmosphere, some in an atmosphere of pride and vanity, some in an atmosphere of sin and vice. There is little hope for them. Let parents create an atmosphere in the home by pure lives which will save their children from evil. The church can create an atmosphere in the community where it is located which will exert a powerful influence over the lives of the people. It cannot be done by good preaching alone, or by good singing, or by generous giving, or by regular attendance on the means of grace. These are all good, but not good enough. The chief power of a church is in the lives of its members. Here is the hiding of its power.

The life which is not useful is a wasted life. All the money one can accumulate, all the honor he can achieve, all the knowledge he can acquire can never redeem a selfish life. It is a lost life in spite of all.

God Cares for Me

Newell Dwight Hillis.

It is the thought that God lives and plans and loves that lends consecration to the brave and chivalrous hopes of youth; that lends enduring strength to those who bear life's heavy burdens; that sustains men in the hour when the immortal hope burns low within the heart. Indeed, it is permitted us to doubt whether any other truth has wrought so powerfully for heroism or liberty or religion. In the faith that God has reigned, reigns and shall reign for evermore, patriots and martyrs have gone dry shod across all seas, turned stones to angel's bread, in hot sands digged cooling springs, found every mountain smoking with God's presence, and every hill of difficulty to be bright with the lightning of his commandment and promise.

Our earth holds no truth so practical as this—God cares for me. It energizes every faculty, calms every purpose, lends strength thru tranquillity. Since God's providence is over man, he can bear up against every ill, rejoice midst adversity and conquer midst defeat. In the consciousness that God cares for men, the heroes have achieved their hero-